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"WOODROW",
21 TRINITY ROAD,
BRIDLINGTON.

Mr. Chairman, Councillor Miss Owston and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1950, on the health of the Rural District.

(1) HOSPITAL AND SANATORIUM PROVISIONS, &c.

The care of the chronic sick is now provided for at the County Hospital, Driffield, and at the General Wards of the Avenue Hospital, Bridlington, and the Bempton Lane Hospital, Bridlington.

There has been no change in laboratory facilities, nor in your Public Health staff.

The Public Health Laboratory in Hull, under the direction of Dr. Greening, undertakes bacteriological investigations in matters of public health (such as water and milk sampling), and also in diseases (such as the enteric group) which are closely linked with public sanitation.

Laboratory work on diseases of non-public health interest is done by the Pathologist at Westwood Hospital, Beverley, and by the Pathologist at Scarborough Hospital.

(2) GENERAL STATISTICS

The following is a table of general statistics for the year under review:

Area of District	66,903 acres
Population of Area (Estimated, from the Registrar-General's figures for 1948)	9,400
Number of separate Families	2,627
Separate Houses and Other Dwellings as at 31st December 50	3,478
Rateable Value	£34,055
Product of Penny Rate at 31st March 1950	£137/11/8

(3) VITAL STATISTICS

The vital statistics for the year 1950 were as follows:

Population					9,400
Live Births ...	Legitimate (	Males 60	... Females 57	= Total	117
	Illegitimate (	Males 2	... Females 3	= Total	5
		62	60		122

Birth-rate per thousand of estimated Resident Polulation ..	14.79
Rate per thousand (Total live and still births)	14.82
Deaths ..... Males 55 ... Females 42 = Total	97
Death-rate per thousand of estimated Resident Popolation	9.28
Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis	Nil
Deaths from other Puerperal causes	Nil

Deaths of Infants under one year)	Legitimate (	Males 3	... Females 3	= Total	6
	Illegitimate (	Males -	... Females -	= Total	Nil
		3	3		6

Infantile death-rate per thousand live births (Legitimate)..	51.2
Infantile death-rate for England and Wales, per thousand live births (Legitimate)	29.8
Deaths from Measles (All ages)	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (All ages)	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (Under two years of age)	Nil
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age per 1,000 births	34.13

(4) INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The case rate of certain infectious diseases per thousand population was as shown in the following table, case rates for Puerperal Fever and Pyrexia are given per thousand total births:

Disease	England and Wales	Bridlington Rural District
Acute Polio-Myelitis	1.13	0.27
Diphtheria	0.02	-
Enteric Fever Group	0.01	0.10
Erysipelas	0.17	0.10
Food Poisoning	0.17	0.10
Measles	8.39	7.52
Pneumonia	0.70	0.42
Puerperal Fever and Pyrexia	5.81	-
Scarlet Fever	1.5	0.42
Smallpox	-	-
Whooping Cough	3.6	2.43

The following table shows the diseases notified during the year:

Disease	Total Notified	Admitted to Sanatorium	Deaths
Acute Polio-Myelitis	2	1	-
Dysentery (Sonne)	1	-	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-
Food Poisoning	1	-	-
Infectious Jaundice	1	1	-
Measles	71	-	-
Pneumonia	4	-	-
Scarlet Fever	4	4	-
Whooping Cough	23	-	-

(5) TUBERCULOSIS

Pulmonary ..... Males 26 - Females 12 ... Total 38
Non-Pulmonary ..... Males 7 - Females 9 ... Total 16

New cases notified:

Pulmonary ..... Males 1 - Females 4 ... Total 5
Non-Pulmonary ..... Males 0 - Females 0 ... Total 0

(6) DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

(a) Number of persons vaccinated or revaccinated during 1950

Age at Date of Vaccination	Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 14	15 or over	Total
Number vaccinated	48	3	3	5	59
Number re-vaccinated	-	-	2	12	14

(b) Number of children at 31st December, 1950, who had completed a course of immunisation at any time before that date (i.e. at any time since 1st January, 1936).

Age at 31/12/50 i.e. born in Year	Under 1 1950	1 1949	2 1948	3 1947	4 1946	5 to 9 1941-1945	10 to 14 1936-1940	Total under 15
Number immunised	1	35	72	137	112	455	70	882

(c) Number of children immunised during the year ended 31st December, 1950 (figures also included in (b) above).

Under 5 92 5 - 15 2 Total 94 Boosters 24

(7) BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS

These are now the entire responsibility of the East Riding County Council, insofar as infectious diseases are concerned.

(8) WATER SUPPLY

The Bridlington Corporation supply the water for the Rural District but your Council are still responsible for ensuring that the water supply is of the requisite purity.

Water samples were taken and found to be satisfactory, these were samples of Chlorinated water. There have been no complaints of any shortage of water in the area.

Number of houses and population supplied with water:

Parish	To Houses		From Standtaps	
	No. of Houses	Population	No. of Houses	Population
Barmston	46	157	37	121
Bempton	128	381	61	193
Boynton	35	145	9	39
Burton Agnes	119	432	47	149
Burton Fleming	89	291	33	121
Carnaby	83	325	31	135
Flamborough	483	1,401	53	212
Folkton	108	419	12	45
Grindale	26	97	27	103
Hunmanby	484	1,712	55	218
Muston	72	259	41	144
Reighton	75	257	44	158
Rudston	95	320	51	181
Skipsea	73	263	57	173
Thwing	53	162	15	63
Ulrome	55	188	33	109
Wold Newton	75	275	6	23

(9) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Sewage works have been completed at Burton Fleming, to deal with the sewage from the Council Houses.

The sewage scheme for Flamborough Lighthouse area has again been postponed, however, permission to proceed with it is promised in September, 1951.

(10) COLLECTION OF HOUSE REFUSE, OTHER THAN NIGHTSOIL

The rate of collection has been raised from a quarterly collection to a five weekly collection in 15 villages.

Hunmanby and Flamborough villages continue to have a weekly collection of nightsoil and a fortnightly collection of house refuse.

It would be desirable to provide all the villages with a collection service equal to that which Flamborough and Hunmanby enjoy. Nothing but the certainty of a substantial increase in the already heavy rates prevents this being done.

The truth is that the heavy financial demands of the County Council leaves little scope to small local authorities to improve their services. The financial orange is almost squeezed dry before it is handed to your Council.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Councillor Miss Owston and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

P.D.H. CHAPMAN,

Medical Officer of Health.

September, 1951.

COUNCIL OFFICES,
MIDLAND BANK CHAMBERS,
WESTGATE,
BRIDLINGTON.

Annual Report of the Public Health Department for the Year 1950

To the Chairman and Members
of the Bridlington Rural District Council,

Mr. Chairman, Councillor Miss Owston and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Eighth Annual Report on the sanitary and other work carried out by your Sanitary Inspector during the year ended 31st December, 1950.

The total number of inspections carried out during the year, for all purposes was 1,949.

(1) HOUSING ACTS

During the year 77 inspections were made in connection with the Housing Survey and housing repairs generally, and notices were served in 27 cases, such notices being informal notices. In 25 cases, repairs were carried out before the end of the year.

Difficulty was still experienced in getting repairs carried out to houses, owing to the shortage of labour and materials, and the high cost of same.

(2) PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

During the year, 132 complaints and nuisances were dealt with, necessitating the making of 174 visits of inspection. Notices were served where found necessary.

The following is a summary of nuisances:

Dirty dwellings	7
Defective pail closets or privy middens	27
Offensive accumulations	35

(3) MILK AND DAIRIES ORDER

There are 253 cowkeepers, producers, wholesale traders and retail traders on the Register, trading as follows:

As producers and wholesale traders	195
As producers and retail traders	8
As producers, retail and wholesale traders	50

During the year 137 inspections and visits were made and as a result the following infringements were dealt with.

Cleansing of cowsheds and dairies	5
Structural alterations	2
Cleansing of utensils	11

(4) MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

As in previous years, the slaughtering of animals for human consumption was carried out at the Central Slaughterhouse, situate in the Borough of Bridlington, and the inspection of the carcases was undertaken by the Sanitary Inspector to the Bridlington Corporation.

This arrangement, however, has not done away with the supervision of meat and food shops, and 131 inspections were carried out in this connection. As a result, it was necessary to condemn 10 tins of milk, 6 tins of beans, 5 tins of fish and 28 lbs of tinned apples.

(5) SHOPS ACTS

Most of the shops in the area are run by owner-occupiers, and have sufficient and satisfactory sanitary accommodation.

The larger shops are visited periodically and 57 visits and inspections were made during the year to ascertain the adequacy and condition of the sanitary accommodation.

(6) FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

There are 48 factories and workshops on the Register, and 75 inspections were made during the year. Infringements of the Acts and Regulations were dealt with in conjunction with the Ministry's Factories Inspector.

(7) SCAVENGING

The Parishes of Flamborough and Hunmanby continue to have a weekly collection of nightsoil and fortnightly collections of house refuse. In the remaining 15 Parishes, the collection of tins &c. has been speeded up and a five weekly collection is now carried out. This work is carried out by direct labour, using the Council's two lorries. Very little trouble has been encountered, and 187 visits and inspections have been carried out in connection with this work.

The house refuse and tins are disposed of by tipping, and as far as possible with the labour available, control of the tips is being maintained. The nightsoil is disposed of by tipping same on to agricultural land, for ploughing in and we have experienced no difficulty in disposing of the nightsoil.

(8) SUPERVISION OF SEWAGE WORKS AND DRAINAGE

During the year 167 visits and inspections were made and no major difficulties have been encountered.

The work of sewage works maintenance increases each year, as new works are erected. Sewage works are now in operation in the parishes of Hunmanby, Flamborough, Bempton, Burton Fleming and Reighton, and all these works have regular attention to ensure a satisfactory effluent.

Again a vast amount of work has been carried out with regard to the cleansing and maintenance of sewer dykes throughout the district.

(9) INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Visits were made in respect of four cases of Scarlet Fever which occured during the year. Instructions were given in all cases, and thorough disinfection of the houses was carried out.

(10) FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1938 - Section 14

There are now 48 premises registered for the sale, storage and/or manufacture of Ice-cream or preserved food. Frequent inspections are made of the premises, and it is pleasing to note that any advice given or recommendations made to the owners of the premises is always well received in order to improve the standard of cleanliness.

(11) RODENT CONTROL

In addition to ordinary enquiries made during routine visits, 65 visits and inspections were made during the year, and where necessary poisoning was carried out. There has been no incidence of any major infestation.

The refuse tips and sewage works under the control of the Council were treated as required.

(12) SUPERVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL HOUSES

The inspection of Council Houses for repairs and maintenance has taken up a considerable amount of time during the past year, and once again a large amount of work has been carried out.

In this connection I would especially like to thank the Rating Officer and Collector (Mr. H.A. Woodhead) and his staff for their co-operation.

The repairs carried out can be summarised as follows:

Roofs	88	Firebars	32
Chimneys	17	Canopies to Ranges	2
Flashings	16	Back Boilers	5
Pointing of Walls	75	Sink Wastes	40
Paving	26	Taps	19
Fencing	28	Water Bursts	32
General Woodwork	27	Washbasins	2
Windows	114	Spouting	19
Gates and Posts	120	Handrails Refitting & Repairs	24
Dustbins	24	Draining Boards	39
Manholes	2	Plaster	145
Porch Woodwork	4	Skirting Board Repairs & Renewals	2
W.C. Cisterns & Ball Taps	153	Cupboard Door Repairs	8
Lavatory Pails	2	Copper Cylinders	4
New Ranges	8	Electric fittings repairs & Renewals	5
Saddles to Ranges	25	Storage Tanks	2
Oven Plates	16	Floor Repairs	7
Oven Bottoms	8	Garden Sheds (R.D.C.)	5
Grates	64		
Firebricks	61		

(13) CAMPS, TENTS, VANS AND SHEDS

There are 19 camps in the area which are licensed under Section 269 of the Public Health Act 1936. These camps stretch from the extreme North to the extreme South of the Rural District, along the coastline, and owing to the distance to be travelled it is very difficult to visit the camps as often as is desirable.

Nevertheless 183 visits and inspections were made to ascertain the sanitary and other conditions at the camps, and in most cases the owners were found to be very willing to co-operate.

(14) SUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

A summary of the visits and inspections made during the year 1950 is given below:

		Brought forward	547
Housing Acts	77	Factories & Workshops	75
Public Health & Public Health Housing Acts	142	Sewage Works & Drainage	167
Milk & Dairies Orders	137	Scavenging	187
Slaughterhouses	31	Infectious Diseases	4
Bakehouses	19	Food Inspections	179
Shops Acts	57	Rodent Control	65
Water Supplies	84	Council Houses Repairs &c.	542
		Camps, Tents &c.	183
Carried forward	547	Total	1,949

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to the Council for the support and consideration given to me during the year under review, and also to the Medical Officer of Health (Dr. P.D.H. Chapman), the Clerk to the Council (Mr. A.S. Makin) and the Staff, for their interest and help in connection with my work.

I have the honour to be,
Mr. Chairman, Councillor Miss Owston and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A. RIDOUT,

Sanitary Inspector.

September, 1951